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Folkmusic Mini-Concert: The Folklorist will give an hour-long performance of traditional songs and stories of African, American and European origin and will narrate the history of the instruments (banjo, dulcimer, twelve-string guitar and fretless banjo) used in the presentation. This is ideal for large audiences.

Creative Quilting: Instruction will be given in traditional and creative patterns of quilting. Then the group will decide on a layout and design for their quilt and participate in the actual "quilting bee". The sessions will meet three hours a day once a week for three weeks. This workshop is limited to fifteen participants.

Weaving Workshop: Weaving is an especially practical project because it can be continued at home with minimal expense. The sessions will meet for four hours, once a week for two weeks. The craftsperson will discuss various types of weaving and give individual instruction on hand looms. This workshop is limited to fifteen participants.

Poetry Workshop: The actor will interpret and dramatize traditional and contemporary poetry. Also, instruction will be given in poetry writing. The sessions are approximately one hour in length and meet one day a week for two weeks. This is ideal for large audiences.



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Painting Workshop: Express yourself in watercolor, acrylic, or oil paints. The artist will offer instruction in the fundamentals of drawing and painting. Also, the artist will give personal guidance in mixing colors and balancing compositions. This workshop is limited to twenty participants.

Pottery Workshop: Pottery sessions are approximately four hours in length and meet one day a week for two weeks. The potter will demonstrate a variety of basic techniques used in pottery. The sessions will include instruction in contemporary Raku pottery. Participants may also personalize their pottery pieces. This workshop is limited to twenty participants.

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